

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Boykin for allowing this case.

Claims 1, 3-49 are active in this application.

The specification and the claims have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors as supported at page 12 of the specification where it is disclosed that the polymers are branched. The branching of the polymers originates from the rearrangement reaction disclosed at page 12 of the specification and additional chain growth occurs through the OH group.

In addition, the amendment of the specification is supported at page 20, lines 14 and 15 (see name for component (B)).

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1 and 3-49 will now be active in this application.

Applicants also submit herewith WO 00/47679 via Information Disclosure Statement which shows the growth of additional branched chain through the -OH group. See for example page 4.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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